

VOICES FROM THE DARKNESS

Omaha Baptists Listen to Ories from India and Africa.

RAISING MONEY TO CARRY ON MISSIONS

Preachers Who Have Labored in the Interior of Heathendom Talk on the Work and Its Needs—Omaha Gives Much Money.

Every available sitting in the First Baptist church was occupied yesterday morning at 10:30, and the large audience listened for an hour and a half to Rev. John E. Clough, D. D., of Ongale, India.

Prior to the address by Dr. Clough the congregation engaged in a prayer meeting, led by Rev. A. W. Clark.

Rev. E. N. Harris of Beth Eden church, choir, and after charming music by the choir an invocation was offered by Rev. G. C. Peck. A scripture lesson was read by Rev. T. Stephenson and Rev. S. E. Wilcox offered prayer.

Dr. Clough was then introduced by Rev. E. N. Harris. The famous missionary is a man of medium height, stoutly built and in every word and movement a man of positive and forceful character.

Religion in India.

He said the Hindus were a very polite people. They would put the Americans to shame in that particular. India has been the birthplace of two great religions—Brahminism and Buddhism. About 200,000,000 people had been under the sway of those religions for centuries. Christianity had to fight its way in by inch against these idolatrous religions. The Hindus are very brainy and shrewd people, and they are not to be easily persuaded to give up those forms of government and religion that have been so long molding their minds.

When the Hindus once become converted to Christianity they are usually aggressive and enthusiastic workers in the cause of Christ.

"If the people of America don't look out," said Dr. Clough, "it will be necessary for the Hindus to come over to New York and Chicago and insist on the right and preach the gospel of Christ. It would not surprise me to see Hindu missionaries preaching Christianity in this country before ten years."

His Own Special Field.

Dr. Clough referred to the mission work at Ongale, when he first went there twenty-six years ago. There were only twenty-five converts at that time.

Now there are over 50,000 native Christians in that immediate territory. The speaker recounted the difficulties and disappointments that attended the work.

He said the people were divided into four distinct castes, and besides these there were what he called "no caste" people, comprising about one-fifth of the entire population. He found that the aristocratic people did not want to have anything to do with missionaries who were recognized or recognized as "no caste" people. Upon that point he had gone through a very trying experience, but finally conquered the prejudices of the wealthy classes and all castes were becoming Christianized together.

One Brahmin priest came to Dr. Clough's tent, carrying all his idols, and wanted to trade them for a Bible. Dr. Clough said: "We had no trouble about making the swap," said Dr. Clough, "and he soon became a Christian missionary."

What He Aims At.

Dr. Clough is making a special effort to establish a high school at the Telugu mission. It is the intention to raise a fund of \$50,000 for this purpose. Mr. John D. Rockefeller has already subscribed \$25,000 toward the enterprise and other subscriptions of smaller sums have been secured. It is the intention to educate the children of the natives so that they will become practical living examples of what Christianity can do for a people. Dr. Clough called for subscriptions for this particular purpose and the congregation responded liberally.

At the afternoon session Bishop J. P. Newman presided before a large audience, furnished by the choir of the First Baptist church of Council Bluffs.

Addresses were made by Rev. Joseph Clark of the Congo and Rev. J. E. Clough.

African Mission Work.

In his address Mr. Clark related many interesting incidents that had occurred in the inhospitable and how difficult it was to make them understand that they should be Christians. He said that funerals were held with music, dancing, the beating of drums, and the participants or the attendants were dressed in holiday attire. They seemed to enjoy death.

The speaker referred to the moral laws of the Congo, which were "Thou shalt not steal from me," but that meant, he said, a man might steal if he stole from me.

Mr. Clark said that there was a space in the interior of Africa twenty times the size of the state of Wisconsin that had no missionaries. He thought that the entire country should send more missionaries there and establish mission stations to educate the natives and lead them to God.

Rev. Mr. Clough, in his address, said the people of this country were very fortunate to have been born here where they had all the advantages of learning and knowing about religion and the Divine Being.

Raised Considerable Money.

"You are in debt to God," he said, "and by Him you have been blessed. Now, how much are you thankful for?"

Dr. Clough then talked of the Hindus and how they were converted to Christianity. When once they were changed they never went back to their idols.

Last night, Rev. E. W. Witter presided, while the First Baptist choir rendered the music. Aside from the scriptural reading by Rev. E. Wilcox, two prayers were offered. One was by Rev. W. Witter, Tura, Assam, and one by Rev. Joseph Clark. The missionaries succeeded in getting a considerable amount of money raised to go to Africa and India.

MILITARY MATTERS

Items of Interest to Soldiers Gathered from Papers and Posts.

Speaking of the duties of officers, says the Rank and File, an army officer is quoted as saying: "I have seen them drilling and know just how it is done. The eye serves them in getting the command of their superior officers, and not the ear. The men in charge of these troops have 'caught on' to this sign language; it answers their purpose and they are content. It is intended to give the command 'Four right' the lieutenant simply the first four fingers, motion his hand toward the direction he wants the column to move, and it is done. One afternoon at drill I saw this movement gone through in a way that proved the Indians were mere automatons and not reasonable men. The troop was being drilled the time, and the lieutenant in charge knowing the peculiarity of the sign, asked me to note the result of his command. Throwing his hands in the air and showing the number of fingers for 'four right,' the lieutenant shouted in a loud voice: 'Our Father who art in heaven.' No evidence of any comprehension of the words was visible in the faces of these soldiers, but they went through with the movement of 'four right' to a nicety.

Good drinking water has become scarce at Fort Yates. The post commander has directed that all water needed for drinking purposes be boiled at least twenty minutes. The water is so bad that it is necessary to be poured from one bucket to another a number of times to make it palatable, care being taken that the sediment be not poured with the water.

Private Stanley Notes.

Private Elmer C. Goodrich, company E, Twenty-first infantry, left for eastern Nebraska on the 29th, having been summoned to the death of his father.

Private William W. Aymer, company B, was honorably discharged by War Department orders on the 29th as he had enlisted under false pretenses.

Private William Calvin, company C, is enjoying a twenty days' furlough at his home in Indiana.

Sergeant W. H. Murford, company C, Twenty-first infantry, left here on the 21st, as a furlough for home.

Private Hermann Schroeder, company E, Twenty-first infantry, was discharged by expiration of term of service on the 21st, and leaves shortly with his family for New York City.

Company H has its strength increased by two men, Leonard Nichols and Abeling, who arrived on the 1st from Columbus barracks, Ohio.

Lieutenant W. V. Stamper left here on special recreational recruiting service on the 21st. He will make his headquarters at Lincoln, and have Sergeant Mara, company E, and Acting Hospital Steward William Becker, now at Fort Wayne, Mich., as his assistants.

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Fort D. A. Russell.

Lieutenant Colonel Brady has been sick since the 1st inst.

Captain C. F. Humphrey, assistant quartermaster, is at the post on public business.

First Lieutenant R. W. Dowdy, Seventeenth infantry, has secured the detail as professor of military science and tactics at the Arkansas Industrial University, Fayetteville, Ark., to take effect March 1.

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AT THE POINT OF A REVOLVER

Pawnbroker Snyder Forced to Pay Out a Large Sum of Money.

ROBBED BY A SHREWD BLACKMAILER

He Joined a Crew to Rob a Train and They Charged \$2000 a Handsome Ransom for His Release.

For two days last week Sam Snyder haunted the police station, but this time he was the aggrieved party, contrary to the usual state of affairs.

Samuel will be readily recognized as the proprietor of an auction joint at Eleventh and Farnam street, who has been arrested more times than he has fingers and toes for swindling people with more money than leaves in their pockets.

Private James D. Smith, company B, Seventeenth infantry, was, on the 3rd inst., discharged for fraudulent preference.

The People's Preference.

"The people of this vicinity insist on having Chamberlain's cough remedy and do not want any other," says John V. Bishop of Portland Mills, Ind. The reason is because they have found it superior to any other, especially for the grip and the cough which follows an attack of the grip.

A young man who must fully understand the merchant tailoring business, to take orders here and on the road for a large eastern house. Inquire of J. Tichnor, Murray hotel.

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Bids Offered for the Board of Education's Consideration.

Following are the offers made to the Board of Education for a site for the proposed Central school building:

Katherine Hilly and Peter O'Malley, corner Twenty-fifth and Cass streets, size 10x142, \$25,000.

Joseph Rosenblatt, Twenty-fifth and Davenport streets, size 12x120, \$25,000.

Norman Kuhn, subdivision block 3, Reed's addition, with improvements, \$27,000; without improvements, \$18,000.

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Thomas Groves, lot 4, block 31, 10x142, \$25,000.

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Courts have average three tons of coal each, and scores of bad coughs and colds; but every prudent patient is provided with a bottle of Dr. Bailey's Cough Syrup, which costs only 35 cents.

All our city fathers say: "Use Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain. Price 25 cents."

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Formation of a Fire Department and Donations of a Lot for a Building.

At the meeting of the Benson and Halcyon Heights volunteer fire brigade, held in the new hotel on Saturday evening, a very encouraging report was presented by a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for a building fund. All of the large property holders who had approached had given liberal contributions, and Mr. Will Cray, on behalf of his company, the owners of Halcyon Heights, tendered to the brigade a lot of five acres, the addition, facing the military road and valued at \$500. It is proposed to erect a building large enough to answer all the purposes of a town hall, to be at the disposal of the additions for public meetings, balls and the like.

Committees are actively at work, and it is expected that ground will be broken within the next sixty days. The following names were added to the honorary list: Theodore Williams, D. H. Wheeler, jr., H. B. Coryell, John M. Sheely, H. J. Windsor and F. A. Kemp.

The young people of the neighborhood very pleasantly surprised little Asa Sooy last Friday evening. The young lady was preparing for a trip to the city when her room and the rooms were thronged with her companions and friends. A variety of gifts were presented, and the party broke up in the evening, when the party broke up.

Mrs. Jacob Keller has been seriously ill for the past two or three days.

Mark Twain says "some folks are so stubborn that all the most is four legs and they would not be for a mule." Maybe if people use more of Haller's Barbed Wire Liniment mules wouldn't be so stubborn.

Lively Times at the Redal. There must be merit in a medicine that has met with the success that the Redal gold cure treatment at Blair has.

The business has increased so rapidly that it has become necessary to enlarge the quarters of the Redal plant. The result has been a cure in every instance. Fifty patients are being treated. The habits of liquor, morphine, opium and tobacco permanently cured.

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